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THE OLD SOLDIER TALKS.

Says He Does Not Believe in White Teachers Being Employed in Negro Schools.

Jefferson City, Mo., Mar. 15, 1902.

Quite an interesting discussion took place in the Monroe House office tonight while a number of persons were waiting to hear who had been nominated on the two city tickets. Among those gathered was an old soldier who did not seem to be so much interested in the result of the two conventions as in other things. "I never thought," said the old soldier, "that when I gave twenty dollars to help start that school out yonder (pointing to Lincoln Institute) that I was helping to start a school where white teachers would be hired to teach instead of colored ones. You see it was jes like this. we had jes got back from the war and had all been set free and thought it would be a nice thing to have a school for our boys and girls to learn to read and write. And a lot of us got together and each one decided to give all he could and when we got our mites together we had over six thousand dollars. We rented a building which then stood on the hill overlooking the baseball park, and opened school. We hired white teachers then because we didn't have many teachers among the colored people and was the only thing we could do, but after we got to having as smart black men as white men, we hired colored teachers." "But you have some white teachers there," remarked a listener. "That is jes the pint," said the old soldier, "you see Foster, the first president of that school, was a white man and he made a good one, but when he left they hired all colored teachers, till Page worked the legislature and got that Industrial School, then they needed a man to superintend the shops. They hired a man who was a graduate of an industrial school and he died and they got another white man, but he didn't exactly suit and they let him go, and don't you know they hired a blacksmith at the head of them shops? Yes sir, a blacksmith, and gittin \$1200 a year, too, he is, and they needed an assistant teacher in that department and they hired another white man. Now the pint I want to make is this: Now that is a school for colored people and the teachers should be colored. We can find plenty of colored teachers to teach that shop work and that board ought to get 'em." Just then the delegates to the convention came in and everybody began discussing the tickets just nominated, and the old soldier went home, but said he had more to say about the matter soon.

Grab sale at Gilman & Dorsey's, April 2nd, from 25c to \$20. Value received for everything you draw.

Lost.

Somewhere between the residence of Blind Boone and that of Mrs. A. B. Moore a left hand black undressed kid glove; return to 305 N. 5th st. and get reward.

Notice.

All person who are interested in the success of The Professional World will show the same by patronizing the business men who advertise in these columns.

Notice of Annual School Election.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters and tax-paying citizens of the Columbia School District, township No. 48, range No. 12 and 13, County of Boone, State of Missouri, that the annual school election of said district will be held on

TUESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1902, commencing at 7 o'clock, a. m., and among other things specified by the law, the following will be proposed for consideration: 1st.—The election of two directors, to serve three years. 2nd.—To increase the annual rate of taxation (which is now) 25 cents on the \$100 valuation for school purposes, making the total levy for maintaining schools 65 cents on the \$100 valuation. JNO. L. HENRY, Sec. retary. This 14th day of March, 1902. 3w

City Notes.

Miss Lucile Smith is still sick.

Wait for the grab sale at Gilman & Dorsey's, Apr. 2.

Mrs. Ellen Dozier is on the sick list.

Miss Mary Johnson is on the sick list.

Just received a new line of walking skirts at R. F. Rogers.

Mrs. Sallie Williams is on the sick list.

Mrs. P. C. Crews is slowly improving.

Mr. Slater Logan is home from Lincoln Institute.

Seed potatoes at Ben M. Payne's.

Miss Elvora Pitts arrived from St. Louis Sunday.

All the churches are preparing for Easter celebrations.

Don't forget the grab sale at Gilman & Dorsey's, April 2nd.

Miss Mildred Williams returned to Lincoln Institute Sunday.

A number of new cases of small pox are reported in the city.

Miss Ida Farris has about recovered from her recent illness.

Rev. J. A. Grant left Wednesday for Louisiana, Mo., to attend the annual conference of the M. E. church.

Garden seeds of all kinds in bulk or packages at Ben M. Payne's.

Master Otis Moore, who is attending school at Lincoln Institute, will spend Easter with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Moore.

Rev. H. I. Jones arrived Saturday from Olean and is conducting a very successful revival at the Second Baptist church.

Just received a new line of walking skirts at R. F. Rogers.

Rev. H. I. Jones will preach at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Subject for Sunday morning, "God's Mysterious Handiwork."

Seed corn and seed potatoes at Ben M. Payne's.

Rev. Low, a student of the State University, will preach at the Second Christian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present.

The ladies of the Christian church gave a social at the church Monday evening and a neat little sum was realized by the effort. The ladies are especially thankful to Mr. Taylor Wilson for his generosity and patronage and would that there were more such young men.

Just received a new line of walking skirts at R. F. Rogers.

Mrs. Margaret Akers conducted a very entertaining programme at the M. E. church Monday evening. Every selection was highly appreciated by the audience. The programme consisted of well prepared musical selections rendered in the form of duets, solos, quartets and choruses. Only ladies appeared on the programme.

Get prices on hay, corn and oats at B. M. Payne's.

Rev. J. A. Grant closed a very successful year's work as pastor of the M. E. church last Sunday. Mrs. H. A. Clark conducted a song service at 3 o'clock p. m., to a good audience. The programme was interspersed with remarks by the following members and friends of the church: Mr. Matt Douglass, Mr. Burrie Diggs, Mr. Edward Brown, Prof. J. P. Washington, and the editor of the Professional World.

Souls.

O, restless souls of men, pent up In clayey shells on earth Lake prisoners there within, have liv'd,

And long'd and pin'd since birth. Unhappy spirits, they, bound up In painful clayey moulds, Are subject to the toils and snares, And ills and griefs untold.

While in these wretched troubles hurl'd,

They cry for their release; They're longing for sweet freedom's sphere,

They want to dwell in peace. They love the homeland of the soul, They hate this dusty den,

They want to join their wondrous whole And quit the walks of men.

They're roused by music's softest strain,

By poet's sweetest lay, To try to break the cords in twain, Which keep them bound in clay.

O, upward, swift and sure they'd fly!

Were't not for earthly weights, They're ever struggling towards the sky

From things they loath and hate.

—O. M. SHACKLEFORD.

Fulton Notes.

March is doing her share in the wind line. She has also given us a good rain.

Prof. J. T. Caston, M. D., and congregation were expecting Rev. Williams to help in a protracted effort and were shocked to learn of his sudden death.

Miss Myrtle White, the guest of Miss Anna Evans, returned to her home at Auxvasse Monday. She made many friends.

Rev. J. M. Harris will leave this week for conference at Louisiana. We hope he will be sent back where he and his wife have made so many friends.

R. A. Henderson, of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., stopped off here on his way to his father's in Guthrie, O. T. He will return in the fall to Meharry where he has just completed creditably and honorably a 2-years' course in medicine.

It seems that small pox was about gone but it has returned to make a few more of its unwelcome calls.

We are glad to see Mrs. Jennie Sims out after her long illness.

Mrs. Henry Minor, of east Fulton is convalescent. We are glad to know of her improved condition.

Tie-loading is not progressing as railroad company would prefer. Men are too scarce. The pottery wants hands.

Miss Beatrice Scholl is expecting her grand-mother, Mrs. Martha Arnold, who was a resident here some time ago, and her many friends will be glad to see her.

The Garth-Burton concert company did not appear at the M. E. church Friday evening.

Fulton ladies are like ladies of other places; they do not like to be seen in work clothes.

Last Monday gardening was the feature of the hour; to-day fire is.

Hallsville Farmers Fight.

W. W. Anderson, near Hallsville, was down Tuesday to see Prosecuting Attorney Murry and to make complaint against his neighbor Luther Johnson, who will be tried before Justice McMinn next Monday on a charge of assault and trespass. The trouble came up in this way: Mr. Anderson found Mr. Johnson's hogs in his (Anderson's) field, put them up, and sent Johnson word to come and get them and pay him damages. Johnson went to the premises, took the hogs out without permission, and was driving them home, when Anderson interfered and a fight resulted. Mr. Anderson received several bruises about the head and face, hence the law suit.

COLUMBIA'S NEGRO TAX-PAYERS.

They Pay One Twenty-fifth or 4 Per Cent. of The City's Taxes.

According to figures compiled by R. L. Withers, the total taxes paid by the colored citizens of Columbia last year was about 4 per cent, or one twenty-fifth, of the total taxes of the city of Columbia. He finds that they own property assessed as follows:

Real estate.....	\$54,630.00
Personal.....	23,425.00
Total.....	78,055.00

The total taxable wealth of the city is about two million dollars. Some of our colored citizens are well fixed in property and money, while the majority are not so well to do. Below are the names of all the colored persons in Columbia who pay taxes on more than \$300 worth of real estate; they have, besides, some personal property. There are in addition to those mentioned about 150 who own real estate below \$300:

Tom Jones.....	\$ 400
Sarah Epperson.....	325
Alex Hicks.....	550
Tom Ridgway.....	2,825
Bart Akers.....	2,925
John Lang.....	1,925
John W. Boone.....	2,400
Geo. Richardson.....	500
Ella D. Richardson.....	300
Alex Kimbrough.....	350
Martin Hurd.....	450
Chas. Boyle.....	525
Harriet Turner.....	650
Eliza Estes.....	450
Henry Williams.....	350
Marion Thomas.....	350
Turner Doran.....	600
Beverly Chapman estate.....	500
Anna Fisher.....	325
Teresa Mack.....	300
James Brown.....	350
Sarah Willis.....	425
Frank McKinney.....	425
Willard Turner.....	300
Lula Hobbs.....	400
Wallace Doran.....	225
Charlotte Graves.....	400
Sally Knolley.....	425
Rube Knolley.....	325
Nelson McClane.....	800
Isaac Jackson.....	550
Tom Jones and wife.....	300
Harrison Diggs.....	325
Carey Gentry.....	350
Mrs. A. B. Moore.....	975
Anna Campbell.....	375
Anna L. Hicks.....	375

Fire Near Woodlandville.

A frame house of 8 rooms belonging to James P. Wade, near Woodlandville, burned Sunday Mar. 16. A total loss as to house and contents. Insurance \$600. The entire community sympathizes with Mr. Wade in his trouble. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. Mary A. Slack Dies Suddenly

About nine o'clock Saturday night some one entered the room occupied by Mrs. Mary A. Slack, at the Gordon hotel and found her in a prostrate condition, breathing with great difficulty. A physician was summoned but he found her dead upon his arrival. Mrs. Slack was in her usual good health on Saturday, enjoying the evening with friends, and eating her supper as usual.

Funeral services were held at Calvary Episcopal church, where she held membership. Rev. H. P. Horton conducted the burial service, and the deceased was interred in the city cemetery. Mrs. Slack was a daughter of Newman B. Starke who settled in Boone county, on the two mile prairie, many years ago. About thirty-five years ago she was married to Alfred Slack of Booneville, oldest son of the late Squire John Slack, prominent Boone county pioneer. In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Slack again became citizens of Boone county, locating 10 miles south-east of Columbia and remaining there until the death of Mr. Slack, which took place several years ago. For the past few months Mrs. Slack had been living at the Gordon hotel, where she died. She was a most excellent woman and leaves a host of friends. Among surviving relatives is Newman P. Starke, of Boone county and Anthony Starke of Nebraska, her brothers, George Dyson of Columbia, Edward and Dunbar Dyson, nephews.

Lady Superintendent.

From the Ashland Bugle.
Miss Laura Olds is superintendent of Sunday School of the Christian church in Ashland. The superintendent of a Sunday school is a distinction that perhaps no other young lady in the state enjoys.

ANOTHER LANDMARK GONE.

The Royall House on West Broadway Burned Monday Morning.

On Monday morning about five o'clock fire was discovered in the rear of the old Royall house at the corner of Broadway and Seventh street. It is claimed that the fire originated in a shed just back of W. D. Sittin's second-hand store. Mr. Sittin, who carried no insurance, claims that the building was set on fire. Firemen also claim that the odor of burning coal oil led them to believe the fire was incendiary. The high wind soon drove the fire through the buildings and turned Broadway into a sea of burning cinders. By hard work Chief Klingbeil and the fire department kept the fire from spreading to surrounding property. The frame building on the corner, known as the Newman property, was occupied by a barber shop and restaurant for colored people. The entire contents were burned. This property was insured for \$600. The brick house known as the Royall property, belonged to Mrs. G. C. Broadhead and was partially covered by \$2300 insurance. Among those who occupied the building were Bud Creasy and wife, Mrs. Julia Acton, and Jap Windmeyer and family.

The building was one of the historic landmarks of Columbia, having been built in 1840 by George Northcutt and sold to the late Captain John B. Royall on Christmas Day of that year. It has been the property of the family ever since that time. It was in this house that Col. Switzler was married to Miss Mary Jane Royall, sister of Mrs. Broadhead, on August 31, 1843.

The destruction of this building makes room for another modern structure in the center of Columbia, and it will not be many months before the corner, which is one of the best in Columbia, will be thus occupied.

In Probate Court.

Estate of Grace A. and Ruby L. Pilcher, W. P. Pilcher appointed curator.

Estate of Mary Ann Slack, Newman P. Starke appointed administrator.

Estate of John Carlisle, order of distribution of special legacies and \$1,000 ordered paid among residuary legatees.

Sidewalk Built in a Night.

The old proverb that "all things come to him who waits" was confirmed again Saturday night, when Brownies built a good side walk on Ninth street leading to the University. It was built without the noise of saw or hammer. But next morning it was noticed that a good plank walk was missing from Locust street, a few blocks away. Now, if the same good Brownies (who probably attend the University) would supply this deficiency, the city fathers would meet and pass an ordinance of thanks.

Former Columbians.

Shawnee, Ok., March 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dunbar, residents of this city, to-day celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A large number of friends and relatives were present. The couple were married half a century ago in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Four years later they took up their residence at Columbia, Mo., and from thence to Carroll County, Missouri. In 1879 they moved to Texas, and from there, five years later, to the Indian Territory. Eight years ago they became citizens of Shawnee. Mr. Dunbar's grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier and belonged to Washington's army. Eleven children were born of the union, nine of whom are yet living.

Marriage Licenses this Week.

Hermann Hesse and Lizzie Straatmann, Boone county.

E. C. Bratton and Katie Mills, Youngers.

Aubrey Preston Stidham, Harrisburg, and Etta Lee Foley, Perche.

George W. Ankrum, Boone county, and Miss Mary Anderson, Audrain county.

Garrett Littrell, of Audrain county, and Georgie P. Matthews, Randolph county.

William Hiram Cowden, 21, and Grace F. Coons, 16, Columbia. The bride's father, Richard Coons, gives his consent.

May Have Government Building.

The committee on public buildings and grounds, to whom Congressman Shackelford's bill for a postoffice building in Columbia was referred, has reported favorably on the bill, changing the amount from \$50,000 to \$35,000. It is thought the bill will pass both houses and become a law. It includes similar buildings for other Missouri towns.

Centralia Tragedy.

Centralia came near having a killing this week. A difficulty arose between two negroes and razors flourished for some minutes. The antagonists were Dan Johnson and Larkin Tutt, the latter a preacher and a son-in-law of Johnson. Tutt received a gash on the neck four inches long. On back of neck the gash reached the bone and extended around, though not so deep. The jugular vein was plainly visible and had the razor gone the least bit deeper Tutt's life would have been ended.

Ashland Bugle Notes.

Last Saturday was Dr. Sittin's 80th birthday.

J. G. Day will make 200,000 brick the coming spring and summer.

Miss Sallie Pierce closed a very successful term of school at the Haydon school house recently.

Mrs. C. D. Rice was hostess to the Wednesday Club last week. Mrs. Rice was voted a most gracious and charming entertainer.

On April 1st, W. D. Morris will succeed S. S. Griggs (resigned) at the toll gate north of Ashland. Fourteen years ago Mr. Morris resigned as gate keeper and now goes back to his old job.

Enlargement of the Trade Center building is contemplated this spring. It is proposed to build a 50-foot addition on the north to accommodate a large stock of hardware, stoves and implements. About 75,000 or 100,000 bricks will be used in making the improvement, and when completed the Trade Center building will be the largest and most commodious business house in the county.

Petrified 'Possum Tail.

While getting out rock for the furnace of a sugar camp at his home 5 miles northwest of Columbia last week, C. E. Wilcox found a rare geological specimen. In the center of a limestone rock was imbedded the curled tail of a very large opossum, well preserved and showing plainly every detail of that important member. The length was about 7 inches, the size indicated an animal weighing about 12 pounds, the curl was as natural as life, and the hide in thickness, texture, color, etc., left no doubt as to the identity of the once happy owner of the tail. Only one question remains to be answered by the scientist—what became of the oppossum?

Tuesday Club Notes.

Quite a pleasing programme in which history, art and literature played important roles, was the programme of this week for the Tuesday club. Illness of some and absence of others to whom the subjects had been assigned somewhat marred the occasion. The subject, Joan of Arc, is always a rich motive in the world of art as well as history. Painters and sculptors have spent their genius on the theme without realizing its simple grandeur. Mrs. John Baruss presented this striking feature of the fifteenth century in a very excellent paper which received much pleasing comment. Mrs. Poor, whose intelligence and amiability graces all occasions, kindly supplied the missing numbers of the programme by a sketch of each. "The new conditions and new learning" which resulted from the martyrdom of "Joan of Arc" as well as from the "Hundred Years' War," also character sketches of "Jean De Joinville" "Jean Froissart" and a short review of "French art of the fifteenth century" each were ably discussed.

The annual election of officers which takes place April 29 is an animated prospect in the club.

Street Improvements.

Believing perhaps that the town authorities and the owners of the property abutting on South Ninth street, opposite Messrs. Elwang and Gribble would not improve the side walk and thus lift pedestrians out of the mud, on Saturday "the boys" (whoever they are) actually moved about 150 feet of plank west from the street on the north of J. A. Hudson's and laid it on the east side of Sixth and covered the 150 foot mud spot so as to keep the Mayor and City Council from soiling their boots as they walked along there.